



RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES/CASA OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH THE 2014 GATE CITY LIGHT AWARD

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fourteen

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen recognize Court Appointed Special Advocates/CASA of New Hampshire with the 2014 Gate City Light Award.

WHEREAS, this award, sponsored by the Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Committee, recognizes CASA of New Hampshire and its volunteers for generously sharing their time in the spirit of community and giving.

WHEREAS, CASA of New Hampshire volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the New Hampshire court system. They strive to create a world in which all children are safe, nurtured, and living in permanent homes. CASA volunteers assure that a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the security of a loving family.

WHEREAS, approximately 80 Nashua residents advocate for children through CASA of New Hampshire. These volunteers work with approximately 80 families and 130 abused or neglected children with cases in the Nashua family court.

WHEREAS, CASA of New Hampshire volunteers have worked 6,237 hours as Guardians ad Litem.

WHEREAS, in 2012, CASA of New Hampshire volunteers saved the state \$374,220 in legal fees. These volunteers drove over 57,052 miles on case-related business. They give 40 hours of their time in a training course before beginning their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the Court Appointed Special Advocates/CASA New Hampshire's volunteer program and their volunteers be applauded for their vital contribution to the well-being of Nashua's children and be presented the 2014 Gate City Light Award.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2014

RESOLUTION: R-14-024

PURPOSE: Recognizing Court Appointed Special Advocates/CASA of New Hampshire with the 2014 Gate City Light Award

ENDORSERS: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Board of Aldermen

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This resolution recognizes Court Appointed Special Advocates/CASA of New Hampshire and thanks their volunteers for their vital contribution to the well-being of Nashua's children as well as the Nashua community.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Matthew Clarke

Date: April 17, 2014